

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Claim 1 (currently amended). An adhesive tape comprising:

a tape body to be adhered to an adherend;

a positioning tab positioned on one end periphery of the tape body, and

a release sheet provided on a rear side of the tape body,

wherein the positioning tab and the tape body are interconnected via connecting portions that are positioned therebetween, the connecting portions respectively further including cutting lines formed of perforations and penetrating through the tape body and the release sheet in the same location,

~~wherein a slit is formed between the positioning tab and the tape body so as to form an unconnected portion therebetween,~~

wherein the cutting lines are arranged and constructed to be ruptured therealong, so that the positioning tab can be separated from the tape body along the cutting lines,

wherein the two connecting portions are respectively provided on side portions of one end periphery of the tape body,

~~wherein the unconnected portion is provided on a remaining portion of the end periphery of the tape body,~~

wherein the two connected portions respectively have angled portions that linearly continue to laterally opposed end peripheries of the tape body, and

wherein the release sheet is provided on the entire area of the rear side of the tape body, and wherein the release sheet has slits that are respectively formed adjacent to the cutting lines so as to be peeled while leaving side peripheral portions thereof.

Claim 2. (canceled)

Claim 3. (canceled)

Claim 4. (previously amended) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 1 wherein the release sheet has additional that are formed in side peripheries thereof so as to extend therealong, and wherein the additional slits are respectively

longitudinally aligned with the first named slits so that only a central portion of the release sheet can be peeled while leaving a portion of the release sheet.

Claim 5. (previously presented) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 1, wherein the release sheet extends onto a rear side of the positioning tab beyond the connecting portion.

Claim 6. (previously presented) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 1, wherein the positioning tab has a fixing element that is positioned adjacent the connecting portion.

Claim 7. (currently amended) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 1, wherein the tape body comprises an elongated tape body, wherein the one end periphery of the tape body corresponds to one of the longitudinally opposed end peripheries of the tape body, and wherein the slits are formed so as to extend along the laterally opposed end peripheries of the tape body.

Claim 8. (previously presented) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 1, wherein the adhesive tape is designed to be applied to a vertical frame of a vehicle door.

Claims 9 - 14 (cancelled).